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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, Applicant submits that the Examiner's Statement for Reasons for Allowance unduly limits the scope of the claims.

In the Examiner's Reason for Allowance (after "DETAILED ACTION," "Allowable Subject Matter" attached to the Notice of Allowability), the Examiner makes some comments concerning what the prior art shows. Applicant does not necessarily agree that the prior art teaches "a tubular base part, a rotation body with a cam part, a wedge body, and an elastic member," as asserted by the Examiner.

Comments on Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance Application No. 10/675,457

Entry and consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. Please charge any fees that may be due in connection with this matter to Deposit Account 04-1105.

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